

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

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Purposes Of Legislation

- **Recovery**

- Maintain and create jobs
- Infuse cash into cash strapped state programs
- Encourage flow of money into the economy through tax cuts and other incentives for individuals and organizations

- **Reinvest**

- Build and repair infrastructure

**Transit Funding in ARRA
Formula Transit Programs**

- **Urbanized Area Formula (\$5.97 B)** – Allocated to Urbanized Areas using Section 5307 formula (not including Transit Intensive Cities Tier)
- **Fixed Guideway Modernization (\$742 M)** – Allocated to Urbanized Areas using regular Section 5309 FGM formula – Tiers 1, 2, 3 and part of 4
- **Non Urbanized Formula (\$760 M)** – Allocated to States using regular Section 5311 formula

Discretionary Transit Programs

- **Major Capital Investments (\$742M)** - FTA will give “priority to projects under construction or able to obligate funds within 150 days”
- **Tribal Transit (\$17M)** - Competitive solicitation and selection using existing procedures; capital projects only
- **New Energy Program (\$100M)** - Competitive solicitation and selection; based on new procedures and criteria to be announced soon

Key Provisions

- No waiver of FTA program requirements (planning/NEPA/Buy America/Labor Protections)
- 100% Federal share, except New Starts
- Capital expenses only are eligible
- Cannot mix Recovery Funds in same grant with any other funds
- Funds not obligated within time frames will be taken back and reallocated

How To Get Ready for a Grant

- Projects must be in approved TIP/STIP; NEPA completed or completion imminent
 - May include estimated ARRA funding for fiscal constraint purposes in TIP/STIP

- May advance project schedules within TIP/STIP “administratively” without formal amendment
- Must meet conformity requirements in non attainment and maintenance areas
- Work to refine project description and budgets for early submission to Dept. of Labor
- Identify procurement strategy

ARRA Obligation Timetable

- **Obligation Windows** – After 180 Days, half of apportionment less amount obligated will be withdrawn; Any funds apportioned not obligated within 1-year will be withdrawn.
- **Redistribution Provisions** - Recovery and redistribution of funds withdrawn after 180 Days and 1-year only to those who did not have funds withdrawn

ARRA Reporting Requirements

Reporting Requirements - New, numerous periodic reporting requirements at much higher level of detail than normal:

- *Collecting information on jobs, contracts, and projects is new to FTA.*
- *FTA seeking to minimize manual reporting for grantees*
- *Periodic publication on*

<http://www.recovery.gov/>

FTA ARRA Support

- **Grant Systems Updates** - Change to grant-making systems and processes for new funding and reporting requirements underway.

- **Apportionment & Guidance** – Final apportionment of funds and external and internal execution guidance expected by 3/6/09. Draft apportionments published on FTA Website by 2/20/09.
- **Planning and Environment** - FTA Regional Office assistance available to States, MPO's, and transit agencies.
- **Process Streamlining** – Early assignment of grant numbers to facilitate simultaneous reviews by DOT and DOL.
- **FTA Recovery Webpage** - Robust Webpage devoted to ARRA Q's and A's.
- **Increased Outreach** - Ongoing outreach to stakeholder groups and members.

Questions?